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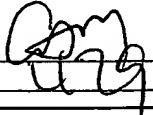
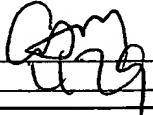
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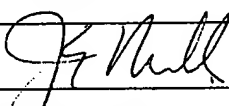
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Dear Sir:

Supplemental to the Request for Reconsideration submitted January 22, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 11 and 22.

Amend claim 12, 23 and 28 to read as follows:

28.(amended) A process for solidification of a molten metal selected from aluminum, aluminum alloy, magnesium, magnesium alloy, copper, copper alloy, zinc and zinc alloy comprising charging the molten metal into a die, the die optionally having a die insert, and allowing the molten metal to solidify therein, wherein the die or die insert or both are made from an underaged Ni-Be alloy containing about 1.0 to less than 3.0 wt.% Be.